

March 8, 2022

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Environment & Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251,
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Support HB 1330 Partnership Rental Housing Program - Mixed-Income Housing Developments (More Homes for Marylanders Act)

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 1300 Partnership Rental Housing Program - Mixed-Income Housing Developments (More Homes for Marylanders Act)**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would establish the Partnership Rental Housing Program and establishing a goal of encouraging middle income family partnerships. MBIA supports this measure. Rising housing markets have made it difficult for even people earning above the median income to afford to purchase a home. Most residents of the state reside within a standard distribution of that median income level. This bill would create an accessible program for those citizens that need help in order to purchase a home. MBIA supports expanding housing accessibility to all residents of the state.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee adopt the proposed amendment and give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee